



**MAIL STOP AF**  
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 2861**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NAOJI OTSUKA, ET AL. ) Examiner: T. Nguyen  
Appln. No.: 09/768,464 ) Group Art Unit: 2861  
Filed: January 25, 2001 )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action mailed December 19, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.